

September 23, 2018

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 10am (Interpreted)
Sunday 5pm (when school is in session)

9/16/18 Collection:

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your support!

At Mass we remember:

10am: Kevin Talty
5pm: Mary Connor

Newman Laughs:



Church Mice.



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Events This Week:

Tuesday 9/25/18

- First Alpha Gathering 6-8pm in Skalny

Wednesday 9/26/18

- 8-9pm FIRST RCIA Class in the Sunroom
- 9pm Milkshake Mass in Allen Chapel

Thursday 9/27/18

- 8-9pm Agape Latte in Reading Room

Friday- Sunday 9/28-9/30

- UR Kairos Retreat

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Newman Notes:

Today's Gospel hit home for me as being so relatable in today's world. We live in a world and participate in a society where it's important to be on top – to have the newest and most expensive cell phone, video game system, to compete and feel like we have to “fend for ourselves” in so many situations. We TRY to do good for the world, but often get caught up in the spiral of wanting to be recognized for the good we are doing. Because, hey, if we don't post it on Facebook, did the good deed really even happen? It is a recursive and overwhelming society to keep up with. We also live in a time that it's difficult to ask questions! When we have a question, what do we do? We Google it. But what about those tough questions about life, death, faith, sin, forgiveness, love, and anything occupying your mind and worries?

Throughout the Gospel reading we are able to see how the disciples aren't being portrayed in the best light. To be honest, they are kind of being knuckleheads who really aren't getting what Jesus is trying to tell them (haven't we ALL been there!?).

The issue was, they were afraid to ask questions about his death – so instead of facing those tough questions, they started bickering and competing with each other (again, haven't we all been there?). It's much easier to avoid and deflect than it is to face issues head on.

He finally gathered them around to make a clear point to allow them to understand. I love this moment because I can just picture Jesus throwing his hands up in the air and saying “seriously, guys!?! Come on!” But why does he use a CHILD to make his point? He drives this point home with a child as his example, because if we wrap our arms around a child and care for them, even though they may have nothing to offer back – help, money, acknowledgement; THAT is service. We must follow in Jesus' footsteps and serve the least among us. Not for acknowledgement, not for a Facebook post, but JUST for the sake of serving others and rising each other up in God's name.

So what tough questions are you pondering? How would your life be impacted if you were able to have a discussion with Jesus and ask those tough questions? What would you ask? How would getting answers to those questions affect your life as a disciple of Jesus?

God Bless – Have a great week!
Hope to see you at Milkshake Mass and Agape Latte!



Kim Winden